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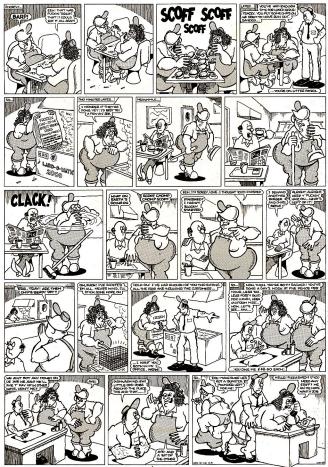
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GET DOWN FROM THERE AT ONCE

EXCLUSIVE







Shut up you old hastards

PRIZE LETTER I am sick and tired of old people complaining constantly about everything. They've had their fun in life, and now they're trying to

spoil it for everyone else. I am 28 years of age. T. Vulcan Lancaster

I think that charming man Mr Kinnock should be the next Prime Minister.

Mrs P. Nimrod Sterling

In response to my wife's letter (this issue), I can think of several good reasons why Mr Kinnock should not be Prime Minister. Firstly, he's Welsh. He's got freckles, he's nearly bald, and lastly, the little hair he has remaining is bright orange and styled like that of Mick Miller, the comedian.



Perhaps my wife would like to see this balding clown representing our interests at home and abroad? Frankly, I think not.

> Mr P. Nimrod Sterling

I am in the process of tracing my family tree and wonder whether any of your readers may be able to help me. My family comes originally from the Bolton area, and I believe my mother's name was Robson or Robinson, I believe I also have a sister who is older than me. Does anybody know them?

J. Sewell Northampton

From Aberdeen to Brighton it's the page that's "Write-on

*Do you have an interesting anecdote, opinion or a poem perhaps? Anything that our increasingly disillusioned readers may find vaguely amusing. If so, drop us a line at the address above. We'll be giving away a free pen for every letter we print in the next issue. But not necessarily to the people who wrote



Kylie Minogue is my favourite pop star, and actress, so I wrote this poem for her.

Kylie. Kylie. so sweet and smiley. Let's sing a song

In a 'rub-a-dub' styley. Kylie, Kylie, so cute and

twee. Oh please Michael

Hutchence Give her one from me.

> Lee Green Lewisham

I don't see why dog owners should be fined if their dog fouls the pavement. If a dog owner was caught drink/driv-ing, they wouldn't expect his dog to pay the fine. This is clearly a case of

double standards. Mrs D. Kent

Wimbledon

Fancy a shag?

They say that all men are the same with the light off. Then perhaps some of your female readers would like to pop round for a shag? My electricity was cut off last week. Richard

Button-Mushroom Ripon

Every once in a while my wife and I enjoy a romantic, candle-lit dinner and a smooch to our favourite record, before stripping off for a game of 'wheelbarrow'.

I wonder whether any other readers have quaint phrases which aptly describe their style of lovemaking.

M. Herringbone Henley

I began drinking at the age of 16, and have been a heavy drinker now for over 20 years, spending a small fortune each week on beer, lager and spirits. But come 'Comic Relief day I'm the one who's laughing, as I never have to waste money buying a stupid red nose.

I already have one! I. P. Head Middlesbrough

I don't see the point in speed limits and alcohol restrictions for motorists. I'm sure a lot of drivers get a thrill out of deliberately breaking these laws. I believe there should be no speed limit, and drinking should be allowed. I'm sure that once the novelty of driving at high speeds and whilst drunk has worn off, motorists will, of their own accord, begin to drive more slowly, sensibly and sober.

Mr I. Quinn Dartford

Vegetarians tell us that it's wrong to kill defenceless animals. Several years ago my grandfather was bitten by a sheep. So animals are hardly defenceless, are they?

M. Blugeon Worcester *********

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Newcasie upon Tyne

Following on from Mr

Nimrod's letter (this issue),

in the interests of political impartiality I think it only

fair to point out that Mr

Major, the Prime Minister, is

ugly, boring and looks like a

cross between Joe 90 and that

lion bloke out of Beauty and

Mr T. Tristar

the Beast.

look after itself

My dog may not be able to add up, spell my name or say "sausages" and "Esther" like the ones you see on 'That's Life', but he can hold his own in a fight with a hadger. J. Stealth

Darlington

I'm sure that if antique expert Arthur Negus were to visit my home he would turn his nose up at most of my furniture. Still, he's dead and I'm alive, so who's laughing now? T. Gloster-Meteor

Durham





MASHED potato looks a bit like snow, and is harmless for children.

H. Civic Southampton

GIVE friends the impression that you wear contact lenses by blinking frequently and pulling down your lower evelid.

> Michael Hudson Bingley

AVOID being mugged in the street by walking along behind a policeman and moving your lips and gesturing as if you are having a friendly conversation with him. If he turns round, simply look confused and ask him for directions to a nearby street.

> R. Hollins Hammersmith

WHEN travelling by train, jot down a note of any refreshments you require and pin it to your lapel. This will save you having to talk to the miserable bastard who is invariably serving in the buffet car

> P. Donnelly Portsmouth

WEIGHT watchers. Weigh yourself each week. The difference between successive weights is the amount that you have either gained or

A J Marsh Tongham, Surrey

CONVINCE neighbours that you have an expensive car alarm by locking up your car and making loud, highpitched whooping noises whilst walking away.

S. Black Burnley

OBTAIN the effect of having a bald, yellow scalp by removing the skin from a bowl of custard which has set, and placing it on your crown.

> I. Vandyke Lancashire

KEEP your insurance company on their toes by ringing them to say that your roof has just blown off in a storm. then calling them back ten minutes later to say that you were mistaken.

> I. Battenburg Walsall

ATTACH a tag with your name and address on it to your house keys so that if they are lost, whoever finds them can return them to you. If there's room, mention the times that your house is empty so that they'll be sure to catch you in when they call.

P. Pegley Hammersmith

STICK silk flowers to an old woolly hat to make it pretty for that special occasion

G. Richardson (Mrs) Oxford

CUT your man's hair round a mousse ring mould instead of a pudding bowl if he is balding at the crown.

> Mrs C. Sidiros Greenford

How about Sir Cliff?

Isn't it about time Cliff Richard was honoured with the Knighthood he so richly deserves. After all, he's never taken drugs or had sex like many other so-called 'pop' stars. In fact, now that Princess Ann is getting divorced. wouldn't it be nice if he could marry her and become the King of England.

> Mrs Martha Hienkel Weighbridge



Three cheers for the Princess of Wales, with her cheeky smile, her beautiful frocks and those trend-setting hats. Well worth four million quid a year, I must say.

> E. Tornado Bedford

SIXTIES STARS

Many of Britain's top groups from the sixties are up in arms about Irag's invasion of Kuwait.

Indeed, several sixties hitmakers are believed to have been disappointed by the news that the war was over. "Some of them had been looking forward to getting out there and giving Saddam what for", a showbiz insider told us vesterday.



Saddam's invasion of Kuwait triggered a storm of protest from sixties chart toppers, among them Allan Clark, veteran frontman with The Hollies. "It was certainly an unjustified act of aggression", Clark fumed vester-

SORRY

Peter Noone, mop topped singer with Herman's Hermits, felt equally strongly. "You have to feel sorry for the people of Kuwait, and everyone else who has suffered in the conflict", blasted Noone, whose hits included "No Milk Today".



"It's a shame about all the pollution that's been caused," he told us.

OPEN ALL HOURS

Gerry Marsden of Mersevbeat sensations Gerry and the Pacemakers wasn't mincing his words either. He agreed with the 12 point UN resolutions against Iraq, and the principal that aggression should not pay. "I suppose you could say that", he told us yesterday.

Dave Clark, one time hitmaker with The Dave Clark Five, was yesterday un-available for comment.

PULL YOURSELF OFF AND WIN A POUND! It's Britain's biggest milk race!

We've sunk to new depths with this idea — a spanking wanking competition! And it's **YOUR** chance to win a

OH DEAR

pound.

The rules are simple. Get a load of this super pair of knockers. Phoar! Eh? Now you simply pull yourself off, and time yourself using a clock. Whoever does it the quickest will be the winner. When you've finished just fill in the coupon below and send it to the special Milk Race

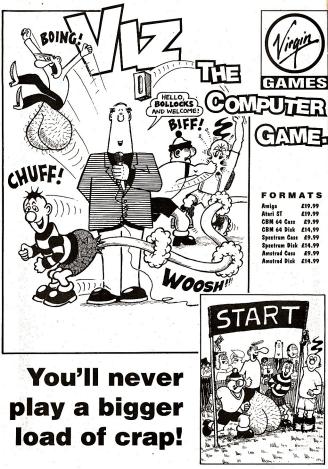
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*Doctor, policeman, solicitor, scoutmaster etc.



address below. Please mark your envelope clearly 'MILK RACE' so that we can throw them into the bin without having to open them.

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ISLE OF DOGS! Women in Britain are UGLY, their looks lag-

ging way behind those of our European competitors.

That's the shock claim being made by Bristol landscape gardener Dennis Stokes. And Dennis believes come females will Britain's LOOSE OUT to more glamorous looking women from neighbouring countries.

"If you take a walk down any street in Britain, none of the birds you see are anything to write home about" Stokes told us. "But if you watch the telly, you see some really good lookers in Italy and France and that. The birds over here can't compete with classy tarts like that.

BOILERS

A secret Government report prepared by experts seems to confirm Mr. Stokes' fears. The document, recently leaked to us, reveals that in some parts of Britain, like Huddersfield, less than 10 per cent of the female

Britain trails in crumpet stakes

opulation are attractive. While a stunning 50 per cent - half the female population - are classed as 'absolute boilers'.

PISTONS

Officials at the Department of Health are known to be extremely concerned about the implications of the report come Britain's entry into the EEC in 1992. The removal of trade barriers will make international marriages a lot easier, and there are fears that Britain's fellas will shop abroad for partners.

EXCLUSIVE "Me, I fancy that Italian bird

that gets her tits out on the telly", Dennis Stokes told us yesterday. And come 1992 Dennis could be one of thousands of British men who flood through the Channel Tunnel to score themselves a piece of continental crumpet. VALVES

Secret proposals to remedy

the problem are currently being studied by the Prime Minister and Cabinet colleagues. They hope that dramatic measures can be taken to improve the appearance of the nation's women

These are thought to include:

· Poll Tax relief to enable ugly women to spend more money on make-up. · Cheaper housing for plain looking women in certain out-of-the-way areas, like Workington, to encourage



those women to live there. This would be part of an integrated 'out of sight, out of mind' policy.

 A so-called 'Boiler Cur-few' to be introduced at weekends preventing plain or unattractive women from going out in the evenings.

DIODES

"Efforts will have to be made to bring Britain's birds into line with the gorgeous muff you see parading round on the continent in tight miniskirts", a Government spokesman told us vesterday.

TRANSISTORS

We tried to ring Labour MP Clare Short, to see what she thought about ugly women, but her number wasn't in the Newcastle phone book.

SADDAM'S BRITA If Iraq had won the Gulf War London would

no longer have been the capital of England. And landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, Nelson's Column and Tower Bridge would all have been rased to the ground. These are just some of the

horrific facts revealed in top secret documents abandoned by fleeing Iraqi troops as they left Kuwait. Documents which include an amazing blueprint of Saddam Hus-

PLANS

sein's Britain.

Had Saddam won the war, life under the Iraqi dictator would have been a nightmare for the population of Britain. Among the many changes outlined in detailed plans drawn up by'the Iraqi military were:

- · Strict curfews, with the death penalty for anyone found walking the streets at
- · A total blackout of TV and radio.

- Identity cards for every single person in Britain over the age of 12, similar to those which were to be carried by football supporters.
- Severe rationing of food and fuel, on a scale not witnessed since the Second
- Skeleton rail and bus services, with as few as 1 in 5 timetabled services running.
- Early closing for shops on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Restricted banking hours at the four major High Street banks.

PARADE

Madman Hussein planned to celebrate his victory with a military parade, not through the streets of London, but through Grimsby instead.

Nightmare that almost

came true

For Hussein's military advisers had recommended Grimsby as the new capital of England, with it's ideal harbour facilities. North Sea links and good road and rail services. A puppet Govern-ment would have been installed in Grimsby Town Hall, from where the evil Iragis would have run the country.

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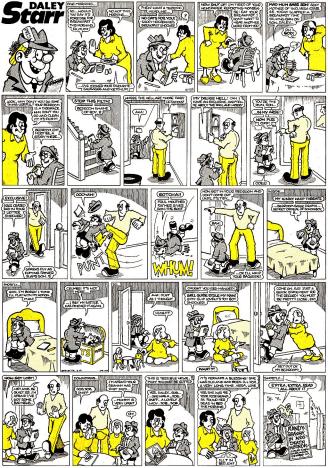
Saddam saw London as a symbol of western imperialism. He planned to set it burning like the oil fields of Kuwait, killing the Royal Family and stealing their furniture, paintings and cars.

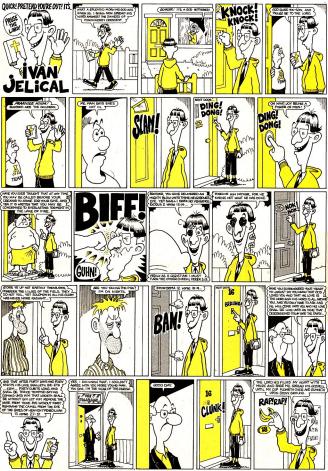


Shopkeeper Bill Simpson agreed that life under the Iraqis would have been unbearable. "They'd probably have come in here and looted my shop, and there'd be nothing I could do. My wife's ill in bed, and I'm 63 and taking tablets for my leg".

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Other people we spoke to praised the allied forces for their victory. "Thank God we won the war," 67 year old Agatha Dodds told us. "I lived through the Blitz. Mind you, we were happier then. You could leave your front door open in them days", she said. "And I never saw a banana till I was 42", she added.









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THE STARS WHO RE

In showbusiness, as in the sky at night, for every star that rises, so another must fade away. Famous names and favourite entertainers, for whom the show is over. Death. whether it be by accident, disease or natural causes, is no respecter of celebrity status. Eventually it catches up with us all.

But death does not always bring to a close the careers of the showbiz stars. For the entertainment world is littered with ghostly tales of stars who have simply refused to die. KINGS



TO THE THRONE

During his 46 years on Earth ELVIS PRESLEY never once visited Britain. But an unemployed plumber from Altringham claims to have come face to face with the King of Rock-'n'Roll in the lavatory of his council semi, 14 years AFTER the star's death.

Fifty-nine year old Bob Cartwright told us how he was awoken late one night by a groaning sound coming from gate, and couldn't believe what I saw", said Bob. "There, slumped across the lavatory seat, was Elvis Presley - the King of Rock'n'Roll. He was extremely overweight and had been eating a slice of pizza. He had got stuck and was obviously in some pain". Suddenly Elvis spoke.

ECHOED

"I'll never forget his voice. It seemed somehow distant, and echoed around the lavatory. But his Texas accent was unmistakable" Flyis asked Rob



for a spoon which he needed to take some drugs. Bob rushed downstairs to the kitchen, but as he ran back upstairs towards the bathroom door be heard a loud flushing noise. and turned the corner only to see bubbling water disappear down the toilet.

U-BEND

As the bowl re-filled Bob heard the unmistakable sound of Elvis' voice coming from beyond the 'U' bend, "He was singing Suspicious Minds. I'll never forget sitting there with my ear in the bowl listening as his watery voice gradually faded away. It made the hair on the back of my neck stand on end, I can tell you".

HAMBURGER Since that night, Bob believes that Elvis' ghost has returned to his house several times, on one occasion firing a gun at his television. "Fortunately, the ghostly bullet passed through the TV screen causing it no harm, but on another occasion Elvis caused a small fire in the kitchen when he left the grill on after cooking a hamburger late one night". Fortunately Bob was alerted by neighbours who spotted the flames and called the fire brigade.

Tree terror re-lived by





one night in 1986 he had an experience he will never forget. "I'd been to a friend's stag until a few weeks later when I night at a local pub, and had

been drinking heavily for several hours. It was pouring with rain and I couldn't find my car keys, so I was delighted when a stranger in the car park offered me a lift home in his mini. In the light of the full moon I made him out to be a young man, perhaps in his early thirties, with long dark curly hair, and make up. HAIRPIN

"I began to tremble as the car sped along the narrow, winding road. Thunder and lightning flashed as the car careered around hairpin bends. I asked the driver to slow down, but it was too late, for at that very moment the car skidded out of control and hurtled towards a tree, I covered my face and braced myself for the impact. URINE

The next thing I remember it was nine o'clock the next morning and I awoke to find myself lying in a pool of urine in the pub car park. There was vomit in my hair, and all over my clothes, and no sign of the young man in his mini. I made my way home and thought nothing more of the incident mentioned what had happened to a friend. What he told me made my hair stand on end. For less than 120 miles from that very spot where the car span off the road, pop idol Marc Bolan had been killed in an almost identical accident exactly nine years earlier, al-

SOMERSAULTED But the story doesn't end

there. For six months later, after a night of heavy drinking. Darren drove past the same spot and spotted something moving behind the trees. "Through the mist and fog I

most to the month.

could just make out the sillhouette of a white swan, with someone riding on it. Just like in the words of the T Rex song". Darren was so frightened that he lost control of his car, clipped a passing bus, and somersaulted into a ditch. HOSPITAL

"The next morning I awoke in hospital. I explained to the police officers that I'd been frightened by the ghost of Marc Bolan but they simply would not believe me". Darren was fined £250 for driving with excess alcohol and banned from driving for 2 years.

CAMPBELL'S PEA Holidavmaker Stuart Fer-SOUPER

guson got more excitement than he bargained for the day he and his family hired a rowing boat for a day out on Lake Windermere in the Lake District.

SNAPPED

Stuart, his wife Morag and their two children Angus, 2 and Crawford, 5 had been rowing for about an hour when their oar snapped. Stuart takes up the story.

"We were stuck in the middle of the lake with no land in sight. After a while it got dark, and a thick blanket of fog descended on the lake. It was

cerie "Suddenly the ghostly calm was broken by a sound that made my hair stand on end. It was the roar of a bright blue rocket powered speed boat. The gleaming vessel emerged

<u>se to die!</u>

THIS IS YOUR AFTERLIFE

Since the death of Eamon Andrews, dressing room number 666 at Thames Television has stood empty. For not one single star in the world of showbusiness would dare use the room formerly occupied by the This Is Your Life presenter. Andrew's successor Michael.

Andrew's successor Michael Aspel was the first man to enter the room after the Irishman's death. Seconds later he fled screaming, his grey hair standing on end. It was several moments before Aspel had calmed down enough to describe his herrifying experience, perience, perience, perience, perience, perience, perience, to perience, perience, to the headless ghost of his predecessor!



SPRANG

A Thames Television insider explained. "Eamon's ghost sprang out of the mirror and thrust a big red book and Michael. Fortunately Aspel fled, for the story goes that anyone who accepts the book from Andrews' ghost will immediately turn to stone! while dusting the light bulbs dressing room number 666, was accosted by the ghoulish figure, and took the book. She instantly turned to granite and her statue stands in the foyer of Thames TV as a warning to showbusiness celebrities and other would-be visitors to dressing room number 666.



Campbell's ghostly speedboat (above) emerges from the fog.

from the fog and pulled up alongside us. Without saying a word the driver threw us a

FLAMES

rope.

"The next thing I knew we were being towed back to shore at speeds in excess of 600 miles an hour, and it wasn't long before we were safely back on dry land.

"As I walked up the pier, I turned to see the boat roar off at high speed, flip up into the air and explode in flames before sinking without trace.

"The next morning I returned to see if I could be of any help, but there was no sign of the mystery stranger or his boat. Not a single bit of wreckage had been washed ashore. I described the man to an old fisherman who was mending his nets at the nearby harbour, and asked if he knew him. "Yes", he said. "That was the ghost of Donald Campbell".

WHAT ARE GHOSTS?

Inere have been many attempts made to explain the phenomenon we loosely term ghosts'. Are they simple illusions created by our brains, or perhaps figments of our vivid imaginations. Or maybe its just our minds playing tricks on us. There have been many attempts made to explain this baffling phenomena.

AFTERLIFE

But what do the stars of showbusiness themselves think? Do the stars of stage and screen believe in the afterlife? And what is their idea of a ghost?

SUPERNATURAL We asked three former TV

Dr Who's to offer their explanations.



lord JON PERTWEE has little time to ponder the mysteries of the supernatural. "I really haven't given it a lot of thought", he told us yesterday. "But if you ring my agent next week he'll sort something our for you". he said.



Sauve time traveller PETER DAVISON is in no doubt about ghosts. "The human eye is like a camera, if you will", he told us.

RETINA

"Images are taken in and focused on the retina. When you see a ghost, it is merely the same process happening in reverse, the image being projected through your eyes and onto a wall, like a slide show, if you will".

CORNEA "I don't know anything

about ghosts, and frankly I don't particularly care", recent Doctor SYLVESTER MicCOY told us. "And anyway, where did you get my number", he asked.

<u>Garden haunted by</u> g<u>reen fingered ghoul</u>

Police were buffled when they were called to the Blue Peter garden at the BBC Television Centre. Vandals had dug up plants, overturned a statue of the Blue Peter dog Petra, and poured bleach into the Italian sunken pond. Detectives were baffled. The Peter supremo Biddy Baxter

Detectives were baffled. The gate had been locked, and the garden is surrounded by a six foot wall. "It's as if the vandals simply walked in through a solid wall", he said.

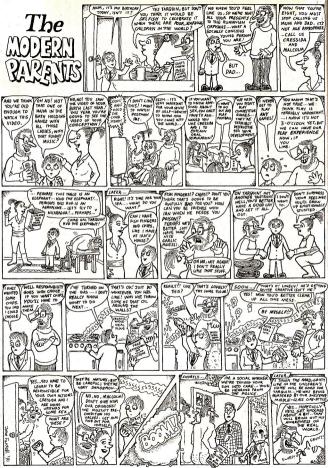
BOX

That officer may have been closer to the truth than he realised, for paranormal experts now believe that Percy Thrower, the Blue Peter gardener and former TV bird impressionist, was responsible for the damage, and that his spirit had returned to Earth to haunt the earden.

"Percy often spoke of his wish to be buried in the Blue Peter garden, alongside the box for the year 2000", one former presenter told us. But that wish was never granted. Blue refused to allow the burial, and even turned down an eleventh hour plea for Thrower's ashes to be scattered in the herbacious border.

"Percy Thrower's spirit cannot rest until his remains are taken to the Blue Peter garden", we were told. "And until they are, Thrower's ghost will haunt the garden, vandalising it once or twice every year".

Next week: The man who bought former Crackerjack funny man Peter Glaze's house reveals how the star's spectre has repeatedly foiled attempts to decorate the building by the use of a supernatural bungling comedy wallpapering routine.



YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT Nowadays people are more image cons-

cious than ever before, spending hours in front of a mirror, and fortunes on expensive clothes And it's not just fashion-

able teenagers who care about their looks. Politicians, bank man-agers and even taxi drivers are getting in on the act, hiring 'image consultants' to advise them about their clothes, their hair and even the way they speak.

STARS

Indeed, many of today's top personalities, MPs, film stars and even Royals, spend a fortune each year on hair cuts, clothes and new teeth in order to improve their public image.

BOOK

For having the right image is very important in today's hectic world. But changing YOUR image needn't be such an expensive business. For according to a book soon to be published, the things we EAT are more responsible for the way people see us than any other factor. Indeed, changing your diet can change your image, often overnight.

PORRIDGE

Food and Image Consultant Dr. Campbell Soup has been studying what he calls the 'Total Diet Control of Character Projection' several weeks. "In simple terms, you are

what you eat", he explains in his book. "For example a man who eats porridge may not be Scottish, but to an onlooker he certainly appears to be".

SIGNALS

Dr. Soup believes there are complex chemical and scientific 'food signals' emitted when we eat, a sophisticated form of body language about which little is known.

PLATFORMS

In today's world many people strive to create a wealthy, successful image. They buy fast cars. Italian clothes and expensive watches. But Dr. Soup believes their money would far better be spend on a new and simple diet.

"Eating small things, like frogs, oysters, or even little sausage rolls produce an un-mistakable aura of wealth", says the Doctor, "For example, if you enter a room with a cocktail sausage on a stick, can ever do".

it immediately says more about you than your clothes Small sausage rolls and bits of cheese say a lot about

Dr. Soup points to nouvelle cuisine to underline his point. "Affluent people spend hours in posh restaurants eating small, unpleasant things, often covered in peculiar sauce, off big plates. The same effect can be achieved without incurring that expense. For example, in a sweetshop, you could simply buy a Walnut Whip or a small finger of fudge instead of a clumsy Mars Bar, or bulky packet of crisps".

FLIP FLOPS

There was a time when to appear tough all you needed was a jar of Brylcream and a leather jacket. But nowadays the same effect can be achieved by simply tucking into a baked potato, according to Dr. Soup.

STATEMENT

"Buying a baked potato, like buying any item of food, is in itself a statement of your individuality. In the case of a baked potato, this suggests a certain abbrasivenes, a rough determination and a wild outlook on life".

OVERDRAFT

But the doctor believes that your choice of filling is just as important as the potato itself.

WITHDRAWAL

"Baked beans or cheese, for example, underline masculinity, in much the same way that a growth of stubble used to. While cottage cheese, or pineapple imply sensitivity in a person, and tuna suggests eccentricity".

It's food for thought says top image expert

Cheese, according to Dr. Soup, is the single most important food stuff in terms of image building. Your choice of cheese can dictate the way others see you for years to

the kind of person you are

"Stilton, for example, suggests a sophisticated, breezy image. A person who is somewhat aloof. Cheddar conjurs up a strong sexual image, the stronger the flavour, the stronger the sexual signals being sent out. Mild cheddar suggest a romantic, playful nature". According to the doctor, an air of frivolity and sense of fun can be exuded by eating processed cheeses, such as Dairy Lea triangles. COIL

As image becomes more important to individuals, to companies and to other organisations, Dr. Soup has begun to offer his services as a Food Image Consultant to various people, among them the Metropolitan Police. "Many of the problems the

Police have are due to their image. People tend to see them as unfriendly, authoritarian figures. But I believe an improved diet could change that overnight". DUTCH CAP

Dr. Soup wrote to the Com-

missioner of the Metropolitan Police, suggesting that his officers eat light pastries, toasted sandwiches and more fresh fruit. But so far he has received no reply.

RHYTHM METHOD Dr. Soup's book, 'The

Science of Diet Control of Character Projection Image and What You Eat' will be available once a publishing deal has been found. Publishers can contact the doctor at the Department of Food and Image Research into Diet Character Projection Control, Flat 3a, Bal-sover Court, Lumpton, Wolverhampton WO16 4PT.

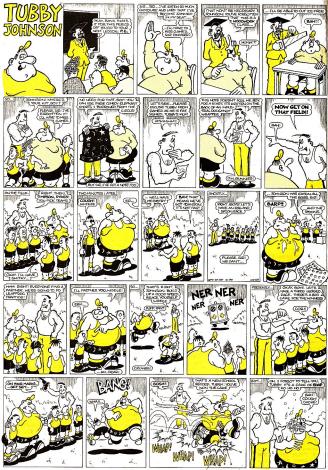




doesn't mean you lose control of your life"







The rush is on with only 248 shopping days to go! So here's...

HINGS YOU NEVER KI With Easter out of the way, once again it't that church is cold, dull and un-

time of year when we start to think about Christmas. With so many presents to buy, trees to put up and parties to plan, before you know it Christmas is upon us!

But do we ever stop to think what exactly is Christmas? What does it mean? Refore you reach for your decorations, why not stop for a moment, and find out

Here's twenty festive facts you never knew about Christmac

(1) Christmas, literally translated means 'Jesus's Birthday Party'. It's a traditional religious celebration of the Rirth of Christ who was born in a manger at Bethlehem almost 2000 years ago. (2) And he's not the only celebrity who has a

birthday on December 25th. He is joined by zany TV (3) And Noel Gordon out of

Crossroads. For most people Christmas Day is a time for celebration, but Irish rock start Phil Lynott had no cause to celebrate on Christ-

mas Day 1987. That's because he died on it. (5) The earliest Christmas decorations known to man are believed to be cave paintings featuring reindeers and a plum pudding which were discovered in underground caves in Arizona. USA, and believed to be over 5 million years old.

6 The Christmas Card was invented by unknown painter Thomas Merry purely by chance after he had painted a robin sitting on a spade handle. However, the first card was not sold until after his death in 1754 when a friend, Sir Henry Hallmark, realised that people were stupid enough to pay up to 2.50 each for the things which cost next to nothing to produce.

7 Prince Albert was responsible for the introduction of the Christmas tree to Britain's homes. The eccentric Prince insisted that his gardeners dig up trees and bring them indoors for the winter to protect them



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from the cold. In 1872 a law was passed stating that every household in Britain should take in a tree for a period of 12 days. The law was abolished in 1958, but the tradition lives on to this day.

8 The traditional children's Christmas gift the 'toy' was not introduced to this country until 1941 when German prisoners of war began to pass their time by carving miniature aeroplanes, cars and soldiers out of wood. Sadly, these toys were never enjoyed by children. They were banned by pioneer safety campaigner Lady Constance Foulds-Wood, because they had sharp metal bits in them.

(9) Norwegians may not be the brightest people in the world, but they are world beaters when it comes to growing Christmas trees. Each year they export over ten million trees to countries like Britain, and still have enough left to build themselves log cabins and houses out of wood.

(10) Towards the end of his career real life Santa Claus Elvis Presley gave away millions of dollars worth of Christmas presents to the poor and needy. Unbeknown to even his closest friends, big hearted Elvis, dressed in a nappy and full



Santa outfit, actually climbed down people's chimneys on Christmas Eve and left valuable gifts, including limousines and motorcycles. by their bedsides (11) 'Carol' is a special kind

of Christmas song sung in churches, and on doorstens by people hoping to make some money. (12) 'Carol' is also a girl's name. There are many famous Carols, such as Carol

Decker out of T'Pau and Countdown's leggy maths brainbox Carol Vorderman. (13) And Carol Barnes the

newsreader. 14 The largest Christmas

turkey ever recorded was a 40 stone monster, over ten feet tall, served up at the Lord Mayor's Christmas Dinner at Arbroath Town Hall in 1926. When the oven door was opened after 15 hours of cooking, to put the potatoes in, the giant beast came alive, leapt out of the oven and killed two kitchen staff. The badly scorched bird was eventually wrestled back into the roasting tin by members of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards pipe band who had been playing nearby. The bird took 6 weeks to cook, and to this day cold turkey sandwiches carved from it's huge carcass are served every lunchtime in the Lord Mayor's chamber.

(15) At Christmas time we go telly bonkers! 95% of the population spend at least 8 hours on Christmas Day watching TV, while only 2 out of every hundred go to That's because church.

interesting, and vicars are 4.6

(16) The word 'pantomime' comes from the Greek 'pantomindrum', meaning 'to swap trousers'. Originally a traditional play performed around the fireside by Victorian families this later developed into a stage show where out of work TV celebrities perform plays hased on well known children's novels.

(17) Australians sit down to enjoy their Christmas dinner in the middle of summer! That's because Australia is six months behind the rest of the world, and Christmas Day falls on June 25th each year.

(18) At Christmas time the average Briton will eat TEN TIMES their body weight in nuts, tangerines, dates and chocolate. And the average family will produce 42 tons of waste, empty bottles, nutshells, wrapping paper etc., which, if they don't tip the binmen, gets spilled all over their back vard

(19) Going back to number 11, Carol is also the name of a song by Neil Sedaka

(20) By the year 2000 there'll be no such thing as a white Christmas, Instead, our Christmases will be red! That's because by the year 2000 we'll all be living on Mars.







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BAD NEWS POP PICKERS!

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Yo pace! Tune in and switch on to the baddest sounds around with the red hot jumpin', scratchin' and pumpin', toastin' and roastin', bastin' and wastin' Viz Top Ten Chart. Yo!

We've had a huge response to plast week's appeal for more entries. TWENTY EIGHT of you funkin' funksters put your hands in your pockets and sent us cash. We've got us one record breakin', back achin', biscuit takin', money makin' monster of a chart. Yo! Put-the-needle-on-the-record- and - the - drumbeat-goes-like-this. Hit it.

Top of the pile in chart bustin' style comes Newcastle's own FRIEMDS OF HARRY. Yo people! What these guys have got is totally hot! 'Take It All' is a jive 45 you can buy from the guy at 27 Wolsely Gardens, Newcastle upon Tyne NEZ 1HR.
Price about £2.50, probably.

Yo Taitski! My main man ANDREW TATI is back at no. 2, but this time round he's got a hit with a difference. Instead of buying his latest release, you pick up the phone and dial him at home! Andrew will play you! LIVE! Now that's what I call a BAD idea. And I meal BAD, not bad. But it's a free country.

SKA-BOOM are back, on the chart attack! Those skankin' and rankin', steeveless top tankin', money in the bankin' crazy cats with pork pie hats make their third visit to the Top Ten with a live video and album release. Yo bro! Hello Leicester! Rock-'nroll city!

And yo Tipton! The West Midlands own ROAD CONES are in at 5. Their tape is available from J. Hodgetts. 40 Sedgley Road, Tipton, Dudley, West Midland, at £2.50 each. An' if that ain't enough, go strut your stuff to the Cones live at the Mitre, Stourbridge, on 26th May. Yo Stourbridge! Vizki'll be there!

RU -IN are two fun lovin', ha'penny shovin', heaven abovin', good lookin', rhythm cookin' dance chefs who plan to serve up a five star menu of hardened dance sounds for the nineties. Apparently. The first course is about to be served. Tuck into

the sound of 'Prime Time'.

Ain't no shit it'll be a hit!

Ain't no crap, these dudes can

rap! Ain't no spunk... this

record won't flunk. Etc.



JAMES DAVID LEWIS - you're ah it at no. 7, thanks to your mum! She tells us you hauled ass an' high tailed it outs town two years ago, an' she ain't seen you since. And boy, is she worried. So if any of you pop pickers recognise James (pictured) tell him to get in touch with his mum, or he can write cho Viziki at the Top. Ten address. But you for you have you will be to me, use your mum's Christian name so Iknow you if she man will be to me, use your mum's Christian name so Iknow you if she will be to me, use your mum's Christian name so Iknow you if she will be to me, use your mum's Christian name so Iknow you if she will be the she will be the she will be the will be the she will be the she will be the will be the she will be the will be the she will be the will be will be the will be the will be will be the will be will be

It's a case of nursery rhymin', church bells a'chynnin', nickels and dimin', bad timin' for PETER BUCKLEY SWITH at no. 9. He's released his Christmas single in March. But yo Peter! Here's hopin' Santa brings you an early Christmas hit. Buy that single, funksters, from Miranda Records, 31 Fortress Road, London NWS JAD. It costs £2.20.

who you says you is.

RAW NOISE won't be too happy with this week's chart. That's because they're not in it, despite coughing up fifteen quid. They hoped to improve on their recent no. 5 placing, but turned out to be placing, but turned out to be placing, but turned out to be didn't cut the mustard. Raw Noise were especially unlucky. 1000 PEOPLE also paid £15, but they got into the chart. That's because





Chart topping Friends of Harry (above), and a special treat for the girls (below) their letter was higher in the pile. Ain't life a bitch.

Chart topping Friends of Harry (above), and a special treat for the girls (below) Burnley's FAT TWINS who didn't make this week's chart.

If you sent in a bribe and didn't appear in thise chart, why not throw good money after bad, and 'rop up' your original bribe to boost your chances of making the next Top Ten. Anyone who wants to appear in the Top Ten just to appear in the Top Ten just to appear in the Top Ten just to appear in the Viz Top Ten, as send some today, to me, Vizki, Viz Top Ten, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 IPT. A photos, a copy of your PT. A photos, a copy of your behands of the Market Mark









SPACE AGE RUG IS GOOD NEWS FOR SLAP HEADS

Top hair boffins believe they are on the verge of a major breakthrough in hair-piece technology.

For they now believe that by the year 2000 they will have perfected a wig which doesn't look like a wig. To date, despite millions of

pounds spent each year on wig research, the world's top scientists have been unable to produce a half decent toupe. GINGER

"The problem is that all wigs

are detectable, due to their being made out of coarse ginger nylon, and standing an imovable half inch proud of the scalp", says Professor Heinz Ravioli, senior tricologist at California's Humphrey Bogart Wig Founda-SHUTTLE

But now, as a result of new

Space Shuttle technology, pointing and laughing at people wearing obvious wigs is set to become a thing of the past. And demand for the new "Space Wig 2000" is expected to be enormous, with Britain's baldies queuing up to pay over £15,000 per rug.

LOOM The new hairpieces will

come as a Godsend to top showbiz baldies like Paul Daniels, Terry Wogan, and Bruce Forysth For despite thousands of pounds spent on advanced hairpieces and transplants, their careers are all too often held back by unsightly and unconvincing syrups. BOBBIN

The new wigs are expected to become available over the next 2 years, and advance orders are already being taken, not only from baldies. but also from people who can expect to be bald by the year 2000. People like newsreader Jeremy Paxman. However. Professor Ravioli was at pains to point out that due to technical and production difficulties, early versions of the wig would only be available in one colour - bright ginger and in small size only.

SPINNING IENNY

"The colouration of the wigs may be affected by sunlight. so they should only be worn indoors, and under no circumstances should they be allowed to come into contact with water. Or heat", said the Professor yesterday.



POT THE BALD ND WIN £100 Soon cheap laughs at the ex-

pense of sensitive baldies will be a thing of the past, and the nylon rugs that they balance precariously on top of their heads will be museum pieces. So this could be your last

chance to go WIG SPOT-TING. And we're offering bumper cash prizes, plus hair products, to the spotters of the most obvious wigs. All you have to do is load up

your camera and wander the streets in search of hairpieces. When you spot a hidden baldy, take a candid snapshot of his (or her) laughable toupe, and send the results to us. The photos of the most

ridiculous hairpieces will appear in our next issue (if anyone bothers to send us any) and the sender of each snap used will receive £25, with the lucky winner collecting £100 cash, a comb PLUS a year's supply of shampoo and conditioner. Send your photographs to

Viz Wig Spotting Competition, P.O. Box 1PT, New-castle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. Please write your name and address clearly on the back of each photo, together with your hair type (e.g. dry, normal, greasy). Photographs which are returned will have no chance of winning a prize, for technical and administrative reasons.

Millions of goldfish in Britain are being kept in appalling overcrowded conditions by heartless owners. And animal welfare experts According to experts one

fear that each year thousands of helpless fish DIE as a result.

BOWLS

Goldfish, often bought as gifts, or won as fairground prizes, are regularly kept in bowls which are:

- * TOO SMALL for the fish to swim around in. * TOO LIGHT for the
- fishes eyes, and * TOO DIRTY due to overfeeding.

gallon of water is needed for each inch of a goldfish's length, not including its tail. And too much light causes discomfort, as goldfish are unable to close their eves.

BATS

Fish owners were also warned that over-feeding can KILL fish, as uneaten food quickly dirties the water. Goldfish should be kept in clean water, away from direct sunlight, and fed a small amount of food once daily", said one expert.

IIGHTMARE OF BRITA A spokesman for the

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries said no figure was available for the number of goldfish in Britain which die each year as a result of maltreatment by uncaring owners. But some animal welfare experts we spoke to feared that the figure could be as high as 250,000. Or even half a million.

STOMPIES

Controversial actress Emma Thomson said yesterday that she spoke from her heart when she pleaded with gold-



fish owners to look after their fish properly. "People should not have goldfish as pets unless they are prepared to treat them with the respect and dignity which they deserve", she said. Singer Chrissie Hynd joined

in the chorus of support for goldfish. "They have just as much right to be on this earth as we have, if not more", she said. And she asked people to boycott pet shops where fish are kept in unsatisfactory conditions.









